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In re Patent Application of:
Jean-Marie Blanchard

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For: ASSEMBLY SYSTEM BASED ON A BALL
ANCHORING DEVICE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5, 12, 13 and 16, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.